Call to Action! Become a memory activist



Memory requires activism. We are all implicated to keep the lessons of the Holocaust pertinent to today's world.

About the Vienna Project

The Vienna Project will be the first public art, social action memorial of its kind in Europe to symbolically represent, in a differentiated format, the multiple groups of persecuted victims of National Socialism, and name individual victims and dissidents on record within a given country, murdered between 1938-1945. Forging a dynamic relationship between different disciplines: art, video, new technologies, typography, web design, street theater, sound art, history, archival research, and Holocaust education, The Vienna Project is envisioned as a "living" memorial based on a participatory model of engagement. For more info, go to www.theviennaproject.org

Opportunities for Student Activism

The Vienna Project is expressly designed for student involvement. The project provides a number of vehicles for students--college and high school students--to participate in a range of activities surrounding Opening Events. The call invites individual students, groups of students, or a cohort of friends to have a first hand experience with Holocaust memory taking place in Vienna.

The Vienna Project will open on 23. October 2013 at the Odeon Theatre in Vienna's second district. The President of Austria, Dr. Heinz Fischer, the President of the Parliament, Mag. Barbara Prammer, and the Vice-Mayor of Vienna, Maria Vassilakou will be present. The opening includes a catered reception, music by "The Philharmonics," reading by Jewish poet, Robert Schindel, and a performance by Roma actress, Sandra Selimovic, followed by a dramatic display of video projections along the Danube Canal.

Donations can take many forms: transfer of frequent flier miles, student volunteerism, t-shirt production, and more. Please look at the list below and contact me at <<u>karen@theviennaproject.org</u>> if you or a group of students would like to participate or solicit donations from a local vender.

If you would like to *sponsor* a group of students, go to the website and follow the cues for US or EU donors at http://theviennaproject.org/donate/>

- Airfare for 10 Austrian survivors, interested and physically able to join opening events, be interviewed by media, and be present at sidewalk sprays
- 10 grad student escorts accompanying Honorary Board members and survivors (airfare needed for students)
- Subsidize the cost of 10 student volunteers for food preparation with project caterer Haya Molcho, owner of Neni's, on 23. October, starting at 14:00.
- Subsidize 8 student volunteers to be theater ushers on 23. October (airfare for US students)
- 30 black t-shirts with project axiom "What happens when we forget to remember?" / "Was passiert wenn wir vergessen uns zu erinnern"
- 500 black umbrellas with printed project axiom
- 20 students with I-Phones taking videos and photos of opening events, uploaded to the project's smartphone app
- 500 bottles of water
- Three large floral bouquets to be positioned within the theater and foyer
- Performance Art program, open to artists from all over the world. Sponsor a particular group. For more info go to http://theviennaproject.org/installations/guidelines/
- 30 digital tape recorders for student audio interview program with hand held mics
- Participate in a student telethon to support **Phase Two** of memorial development.

Please contact me if you have additional questions at <karen@theviennaproject.org> Thank you for your support.

President of The Vienna Project

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